



## The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

### LESLIE REBTOY OPTIMIST ESSAY CONTEST

#### Optimist Essay Contest for 2024 - 2025

Use your writing skills to express your views to the world around you and for a chance to win a college scholarship.

**WHO CAN ENTER?** Students in 6, 7 & 8th grades and 9 - 12th grades. (2 contests)  
All students who enter must either go to school in or live within the Farmington/Farmington Hills boundaries.

**TOPIC: "How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success"**

**PRIZES: 9 - 12th grade contest:** First place - \$500, 2nd place - \$350.00, 3rd place - \$200.00.

**6, 7, & 8th grade contest:** First place - \$250, 2nd place - \$200.00, 3rd place - \$150.00.

All contestants at each level must show proof of age either with a copy of a birth certificate or passport. The high school winner's essay will advance to the state-wide District level in the Spring, where the overall winner receives a \$2,500 scholarship.

**ESSAY REQUIREMENT:** 700-800 Words

**WHEN: Submission Date - Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

**AWARD BREAKFAST CEREMONY:** Winning students and their families are invited to a breakfast on **February 26, 2025** at 7:30 am to be given their awards at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO INCLUDE:**

- Completed application
- Proof of age (copy of birth certificate, passport, or drivers license)
- Essay

**Drop off/Mail/Email Completed application, proof of age and essay to:**

Costick Center, City of Farmington Hills, 28600 Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm

Attn: Anna Durham OR Email above to [Adurham@fhgov.com](mailto:Adurham@fhgov.com)

#### **TO GET AN APPLICATION AND MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE RULES GO TO:**

Optimist Club website at: <https://www.f2hoptimists.org> and search under Optimists - Events/Programs.

Or

Call Anna Durham at 248-892-2919 or email: [adurham@fhgov.com](mailto:adurham@fhgov.com)